

CLAIMS

1. A tent assembly removably attached to a pickup truck having a cargo box, the cargo box having a left sidewall, a right sidewall, a forward wall therebetween, and a tailgate installed between the sidewalls, the tent assembly comprising:

a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, each sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the side flaps being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and attached thereto, the tent sidewalls extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position; and

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position.

2. The tent assembly of Claim 1, further comprising:

at least a forward tent pole sleeve having a forward tent pole disposed therein, the forward tent pole being inclined forward at an angle with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box;

at least a center tent pole sleeve having a center tent pole sleeve disposed therein; and

at least an aft tent pole sleeve having an aft tent pole sleeve disposed therein, the aft tent pole sleeve being inclined aft with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box.

3. The tent assembly of Claim 2, wherein the forward tent pole angle is inclined at an angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°) and the aft tent pole angle is inclined at an angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°).

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4. The tent assembly of Claim 3, wherein the center tent pole is perpendicular with respect to the horizontal.

5. The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein each cargo box sidewall includes an interior lip and each inner flap includes means for attaching the inner flap to the interior lip of each sidewall.

6. The tent assembly of Claim 5, further comprising means for attaching the outer flaps to the cargo box.

7. The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein the pickup truck further includes a cargo box liner installed in the cargo box, and each inner flap includes means for attaching each inner flap to the cargo box liner.

8. The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein the means for anchoring the tent assembly to the open tailgate includes a horizontal flap connected to the tent sidewalls and installed beneath the open tailgate.

9. The tent assembly of Claim 1, wherein the center section defines a forward end and an aft end, and the tent assembly further comprises:

a forward section attached to forward end of the center section to enclose the forward end of the center section;

an aft section attached to the aft end of the center section to enclose the aft end of the center section; and

means for anchoring the forward section of the tent assembly to the cargo box.

10. The tent assembly of Claim 9, wherein the means for anchoring the forward section of the tent assembly includes an outer flap draped over the front wall of the cargo box and attached thereto.

11. The tent assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a side screen incorporated into the each tent sidewall.

12. The tent assembly of Claim 11, further comprising an aft screen and door panel incorporated into the aft section.

13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the tent assembly further comprises a forward screen and a cab access panel incorporated into the forward section.

14. A pickup truck tent camping system, for use in conjunction with a pickup truck having a cargo box, the tent camping system comprising:

at least a platform assembly installed in the cargo box;

at least a tent assembly installed over the platform assembly; and

at least a tent cover installed over the tent assembly.

15. The system of Claim 14, wherein the cargo box includes a floor having a left sidewall and a right sidewall extending therefrom, the platform assembly being suspended from the sidewalls above the cargo box floor such that a storage space is established under the platform assembly.

16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the cargo box further includes forward wall attached to the sidewalls and a tailgate disposed between the sidewalls, and the tent assembly comprises:

a center section defining a top, a left sidewall, and a right sidewall, each sidewall including an inner side flap and an outer side flap, the side flaps being draped over respective cargo box sidewalls and attached thereto, the tent sidewalls extending from the forward wall of the cargo box, along the length of the cargo box, and across the tailgate when the tailgate is an open horizontal position; and

means for anchoring the tent assembly to the tailgate in the open position.

17. The tent assembly of Claim 16, wherein the means for anchoring the tent assembly to the open tailgate includes a horizontal flap connected to the tent sidewalls and installed beneath the open tailgate.

18. The system of Claim 17, wherein the tent assembly further comprises:

at least a forward tent pole sleeve having a forward tent pole disposed therein, the forward tent pole being inclined forward at an angle with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box;

at least a center tent pole sleeve having a center tent pole sleeve disposed therein; and

at least an aft tent pole sleeve having an aft tent pole sleeve disposed therein, the aft tent pole sleeve being inclined aft with respect to the vertical when the tent assembly is erected in the cargo box.

19. The system of Claim 18, wherein the forward tent pole angle is inclined at an angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°) and the aft tent pole angle is inclined at an angle of between ten degrees to thirty degrees (10° - 30°).

20. The system of Claim 19, wherein the center tent pole is perpendicular with respect to the horizontal.

21. The system of Claim 16, wherein each sidewall includes an interior lip and each inner flap includes means for attaching each inner flap to the interior lip of each sidewall.

22. The system of Claim 21, further comprising means for attaching the outer flaps to the cargo box.

23. The system of Claim 16, wherein the pickup truck further includes a cargo box liner installed in the cargo box, and each inner flap includes means for attaching each inner flap to the cargo box liner.

5 24. The system of Claim 16, wherein the tent assembly further comprises:

a forward section attached to forward end of the center section to enclose the forward end of the center section;

10 an aft section attached to the aft end of the center section to enclose the aft end of the center section; and

means for anchoring the forward section of the tent assembly to the cargo box.

15 25. The system of Claim 24, wherein the tent assembly further comprises a side screen incorporated into the each tent sidewall.

26. The system of Claim 25, wherein the tent assembly further comprises an aft screen and a door panel incorporated into the aft section.

20 27. The system of Claim 26, wherein the tent assembly further comprises a forward screen and a cab access panel incorporated into the forward section.

25 28. The system of Claim 27, wherein the tent cover comprises:

a center tent cover section;

a forward tent cover extension extending from the center section of the tent cover beyond the forward section of the tent assembly; and

an aft tent cover extension extending from the center section of the tent cover beyond the aft section of the tent assembly.

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29. The system of Claim 28, wherein the tent cover further comprises:

a seam near the midpoint of the center tent cover section, the seam being openable to expose the side screens of the tent assembly.

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30. A pickup truck tent camping system, for use in conjunction with a pickup truck, the tent camping system comprising:

cargo box means;

tent means covering the cargo box means; and

flap means holding the tent means onto the cargo box means.

31. The system of Claim 30, further comprising:

tensioning means for holding the tent means in a stretched configuration.

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32. The system of Claim 31, further comprising:

platform means disposed within the cargo box means beneath the tent means.

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33. The system of Claim 32, further comprising:

tent cover means disposed over the tent means.